

(b) if so, the details thereof?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Bilateral relations between India and Iraq are at present circumscribed in particular in the economic field owing to our commitment to the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions on sanctions.

[English]

Shortage of Butter and Vegetable Oil

4549. DR. SHRIMATI PADMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is continued shortage of butter and vegetable oils in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage of these products;

(c) whether the Government propose to revamp the nodal agencies involved in improving the productivity of these two products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). In the co-operative sector, there has been a shortfall of about 3470 MT in the production of table butter during the period April, 91 to October, 91 due to lower milk procurement and higher sale of liquid milk. The gap between demand and availability of edible oils from indigenous sources is estimated at around 7 lakh MT.

(c) to (e). The Government do not see any reason for revamping the concerned agencies.

Allocation of Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh

4550. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh from January, 1991 onwards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Allocation of Kerosene is being made to the States/UTs on historical basis subject to availability of the product. At present there is no proposal for enhancement of SKO allocation to any State.

[English]

Development Projects In G-15 Countries

4551. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G-15 countries have agreed in principle to approve six development projects to promote South-South Cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of these projects were proposed by India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any of these projects are to be implemented in India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Second G-15 Summit held at Caracas, Venezuela from 27-29 November, 1991 approved six proposals for promoting South-South Cooperation. The projects are: (1) Establishment of Gene Banks for Medicinal and Aromatic plants and Herbs among developing countries (2) Solar Energy Applications (3) South Investment Trade and Technology Data Exchange Centre (4) A Multilateral payments Arrangement for promotion of trade among South countries (5) A meeting of financial experts to discuss the external debt problem in April-May, 1992 in order to formulate common approaches on this issue (6) Community-based project on self-reliance and people-centered development.

(c) to (f). Two projects relating to the establishment of Gene Banks for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and Herbs in developing countries and Solar Energy Applications were proposed by India at the First G-15 Summit in Kuala Lumpur and were agreed in principle. India convened a meeting of the Group of Experts from G-15 Member countries in New Delhi from September 23-25, 1991 to refine and finalise the two projects. The Caracas Summit approved the two projects and endorsed their implementation. Follow-up action for the execution of the two projects is being taken by India.

[Translation]

Upper Tapti project

4552. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WA-

TER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the latest estimated cost of the Upper Tapti Project;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) the present stage of construction of the project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). the latest estimated cost of the Upper Tapti Project of Maharashtra is Rs. 101.32 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 77.37 crores has been incurred upto the end of March, 1991. The work on main dam, main canal in first 85 kilometers and the distribution system under first 27 distributaries have been completed. The project is scheduled for completion during the VIII plans.

The modified project report of Upper Tapti State-II, a joint project of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, alongwith inter-State agreement and environmental and forests clearance has not been received at the Centre.

[English]

World Bank aided Cattle Development Project

4553. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank have cleared the Cattle Development Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and